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SUBJ: BRANDT FEEDS CONTROVERSY OVER HIS PARIS REMARKS IN SPEECH
TO ICFTU

REF: EC BRUSSELS 9139 AND PARIS 27778

1. ON NOVEMBER 21 FORMER CAHNCCELLOR WILLY BRANDT ADDRESSED
A MEETING IN BRUSSELS COMMEMORATING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE ICFTY. HIS SPEECH WAS CONSIDERABLY Milder IN TONE
THAN HIS NOVEMBER 18 PARIS SPEECH IN WHICH HE CALLED FOR
DIFFERENTIATED DEVELOPMENT OF EUROPEAN ECONOMIX INTEGRATION
(REFTELS) IN HIS ICFTU SPEECH BRANDT PARAPHRASED HIS
PARIS REMARKS BY CALLING FOR "A POLICY WHICH DOES NOT
EVADE THE NEED FOR AN OCCASIONAL DIVERSIFICATION OF INTERGRATION."
HE SUGGESTED THAT THE COMMUNITY SHOULD REALISTICALLY LIMIT
ITS EFFORTS TO AREAS IN WHICH PROGRESS IS POSSIBLE.

2. BRANDT ALSO WARNED AGAINST THE CONSEQUENCES OF ANOTHER
FAILURE BY THE COMMUNITY TO ACT IN UNIFIED FASHION AND TO
DEMONSTRATE SOLIDARITY IN THE EVENT OF ANOTHER WORLD
CRISIS. HE SAID THAT THE COMMUNITY" FELL APART " DURING
THE OIL EMBARGO AND THAT A REPEAT PERFORMANCE WOULD
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SEAL THE DESTINY OF WESTERN EUROPE.

3. ACCORDING TO NEWSPAPER ACCOUNTS, BRANDT TOLD NEWSMEN AFTER THE ICFTU SPEECH THAT IT WAS WRONG TO INTERPRET WHAT HE SAID IN PARIS AS A CALL FOR AN OVERALL SEPARATION IN THE COMMUNITY WHICH WOULD BRING THE RICH COUNTRIES TOGETHER AND RELEGATE THE POORER COUNTRIES, THE UK, ITALY AND IRELAND, TO SECOND CLASS STATUS. BRANDT SAID THAT HE FAVORS SPECIAL MEASURES TO HELP THE WEAKER EC MEMBER STATES, BUT THAT IF THE COMMUNITY WENT ON DOING NOTHING AND ALWAYS FOLLOWED THE SLOWEST SHIP IN THE CONVOY, THE SLOWEST SHIP MIGHT STOP SOME DAY.

4. COMMENT BRANDT'S EFFORT TO TAKE SOME OF THE STING OUT OF HIS PARIS SPEECH SEEMS TO HAVE BACKFIRES WITH MOST NEWSPAPERS PORTRAYING HIM AS A STALKING HORSE FOR CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT AND DESCRIBING HIS PARIS SPEECH AS A TRIAL BALLOON FOR POSSIBLE CHANGES IN FRG POLICY TOWARD THE COMMUNITY.
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